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SPECIFICATION:

1. Column 1, line 45, change the first occurrence of "layer" to --layers--. This appears correctly in the application as filed on page 2, paragraph 1, line 1.
2. Column 1, line 50, change "changing" to --charring--. This appears correctly in the application as filed on page 2, paragraph 1, line 5.
3. Column 1, line 64, change "beat" to --heat--. This appears correctly in the application as filed on page 2, paragraph 3, line 3.
4. Column 2, line 9, add --viscose-- after "tenacity". This appears correctly in the application as filed on page 2, paragraph 5, line 4.
5. Column 2, line 19, change "exces" to --excess--. This appears correctly in the application as filed on page 2, paragraph 7, line 2.

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Fire fighting garments have been made from a plurality of textile layers, including an outer layer of woven meta-aramid fibre, for example as manufactured under the trade mark Nomex. Break open protection may be afforded by blending with para-aramid fibres, eg as manufactured under the trade mark Kevlar and as disclosed in US 3063966 and US 3506990. However charring of such blends may lead to cracking and embrittlement with consequent deterioration of physical properties.

According to the present invention a fire resistant textile material comprises a woven face fabric composed of fibres selected from meta-aramid, polyamideimide and mixtures thereof, the fabric including a woven mesh of low thermal shrinkage fibres.

Use of low thermal shrinkage fibres in accordance with the present invention increases the residual tensile strength of the textile material following exposure to flame or a radiant heat source. Low thermal shrinkage fibres in accordance with this invention may be defined as a fibre which exhibits not more than 6% shrinkage when exposed to a temperature of 400°C for a period of 5 seconds.

Low thermal shrinkage fibres in accordance with the present invention may be selected from the following materials:

polyparaphenylene terephthalamide (para-aramid eg Kevlar), polyparaphenylene terephthalamide copolymer, polyamide imide, copolyimide, phenolic fibres obtained by cross-linkage of phenolaldehyde resin and containing more than 70% carbon, polybenzimidazole, polyetheretherketone, high tenacity viscose, silicon carbide both with a core and with an organic precursor, ceramic fibres including alumina, alumina silicate and borosilico aluminate; and glass fibres including E glass, C glass, D glass and R glass. Mixtures of the aforementioned fibres may be employed.

Preferred low shrinkage fibres are selected from para-aramid, polyparaphenylene terphthalamide copolymers; polyamide imide; carbon fibres and mixtures thereof.

Fibres or yarns composed of 100% polyparaphenylene isophthalamide meta-aramid (eg Nomex) shrink upon exposure to high temperatures, for example in excess of 295EC. This shrinkage can result in a whole garment exposed to a flame. The low thermal shrinkage fibres, for example para-aramid fibres or yarns do not shrink to the same extent on exposure to this temperature. (The thermal shrinkage of Kevlar is about 3%,

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